

WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM  
107 W. Locust Street  
Boonville, Indiana  
January 2, 2014  
6:00 P.M.

The Warrick County Council met in regular session in the Warrick County Courthouse, 107 W. Locust Street, Boonville, Indiana.

Council President, Gary Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Gary Meyer: Roll Call.

Krystal Powless: Gary Meyer?

Gary Meyer: Here

Krystal Powless: Charlie Christmas?

Charlie Christmas: Yes

Krystal Powless: David Hachmeister?

David Hachmeister: Here

Krystal Powless: Allan Holweger?

Allan Holweger: Here

Krystal Powless: Brad Overton?

Brad Overton: Here

Krystal Powless: Greg Richmond?

Greg Richmond: Here

Krystal Powless: Paul Rudolph?

Paul Rudolph: Here

**Council Business**  
**2014 Appointments**

**President**

Gary Meyer: Okay, our main item tonight is Appointments, so I guess we'll just dive into it at the present time.

Greg Richmond: Gary Meyer.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Oh, I didn't even know what he...I didn't ask... Okay, Gary Meyer has been nominated for our President and second...

Allan Holweger: Second.

Charlie Christmas: I seconded it.

Paul Rudolph: Man, we're all standing in line. Can I second it?

Gary Meyer: Not anymore.

Paul Rudolph: Damn it.

Gary Meyer: Is there another nomination?

Allan Holweger: I suggest that we close the nominations.

Paul Rudolph: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made and seconded to close nomination. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried.

Charlie Christmas: You're there again.

Gary Meyer: I guess. Vice President.

David Hachmeister: Hadn't received any votes yet.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, we still got to vote for you.

Gary Meyer: We have to vote again now?

Paul Rudolph: We closed the nominations, right?

Gary Meyer: I thought you closed nominations, that made my automatic.

Greg Richmond: I move that acclamation.

David Hachmeister: You got to have one (1) vote.

Gary Meyer: Well, yeah, I can't vote for myself can I?

David Hachmeister: Yeah, you can.

Gary Meyer: Can I?

Greg Richmond: I move by acclamation.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

David Hachmeister: Move it on.

Gary Meyer: Okay, motions been made and seconded by acclamation. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried six (6), zero (0), one (1). (Gary Meyer). See, I told you I wasn't going to do it.

Paul Rudolph: Who's the (1) one?

Gary Meyer: Me. I'm used to six (6) to one (1) votes. I fit right in to those.

Greg Richmond: Did you vote to close it?

Gary Meyer: Yeah, I did vote to close it but...

Krystal Powless: I'm not going to keep up with this. (Laughter)

Gary Meyer: It's going to be long night isn't?

Paul Rudolph: Did anyone bring Advil?

#### **Vice**

Gary Meyer: Vice President?

Brad Overton: Greg Richmond.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made by Brad and seconded by Charlie, Greg Richmond.

Paul Rudolph: Motion to close.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: All those in favor of closing? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). Motion for acclamation by...whatever it is...by David.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: And seconded by Charlie for Greg to be Vice President. All those in favor? Opposed?

Greg Richmond: I vote for myself.

Gary Meyer: Attaboy, go ahead.

Greg Richmond: My kids ask me 'do you vote for yourself?', 'well, why would I run if I didn't?'?

Paul Rudolph: Did you run? That explains the Happy New Year card I got.

Gary Meyer: He wins all the time.

David Hachmeister: Very nice fundraiser, Greg, very nice fundraiser.

#### **Council Attorney**

Allan Holweger: I'll nominate Council, Greg Granger.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Greg Granger has been nominated for Attorney and seconded by Charlie.

Paul Rudolph: Motion to close nominations.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made to close nominations.

Greg Richmond: Second.

Gary Meyer: Seconded by Greg. All those in favor? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

Paul Rudolph: Greg, how did you vote on that?

Greg Granger: I didn't get to vote.

Paul Rudolph: He abstained.

Gary Meyer: He abstained, okay.

Brad Overton: It looks more confusing...

Gary Meyer: That's an appointment so we can...

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Okay, all those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). I guess you have to do it until you do it right.

Greg Granger: You say that every year.

Gary Meyer: I know.

Brad Overton: The Counselor's got a new haircut today too?

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, what's up with that?

Gary Meyer: He almost looks like a rock star doesn't he?

Allan Holweger: You're trying to be younger.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, you've got the younger hair do.

Brad Overton: It looks a little more youthful, he's turning back a little bit.

Allan Holweger: Only his hair dresser knows.

Greg Granger: You guys are really...

Krystal Powless: I like it.

Greg Granger: They're really starting out the New Year...

Krystal Powless: I know.

Paul Rudolph: Best dressed silver haired person here.

Brad Overton: What?

Gary Meyer: What?

Laughter

Brad Overton: Easy over there, Rudolph.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, we outnumber you, you know that don't you?

Brad Overton: That's right.

Paul Rudolph: I'm used to being outnumbered.

### **Area Plan Commission**

Gary Meyer: Alright, Area Plan Commission. Presently our appointment is Mike Moesner and I guess his term is up?

David Hachmeister: Correct.

Gary Meyer: And according to our notes they said he is willing to serve again if we want him to.

Paul Rudolph: He is?

David Hachmeister: Four (4) year term and I would like to nominate him.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made by David and seconded by Brad to retain Mike Moesner. Is there any other nominations?

Charlie Christmas: I nominate Bill Byers.

Allan Holweger: I'll second it.

Gary Meyer: Bill Byers has been nominated and seconded by Al. Who made the motion? Charlie?

Charlie Christmas: I made the motion.

Gary Meyer: You made the...okay. Any other nominations?

Paul Rudolph: Motion to close nominations.

Gary Meyer: A motion has been made by Paul to close nominations. Is there a second?

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: And seconded by Brad. All those in favor of closing nominations? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7) zero (0). We have two (2) candidates, I guess we'll just call one (1) at a time, whoever gets four (4) votes.

Paul Rudolph: So...is there a concern about Mike and Mike's service that anyone is aware of?

Gary Meyer: I really don't know him that well.

Paul Rudolph: I don't know him either, I know Bill. I don't know Mike.

David Hachmeister: Well, we'll need to set up a...just about all of the boards that have tried to have all the areas of the county represented and of course Mike is in the northeast, I think that's how he's originally put on it, like I said because...

Greg Richmond: That and a farmer, they wanted a farmer.

David Hachmeister: As far as the ground, correct. And that covers the north...the east part of the county with his nomination.

Charlie Christmas: You got Tony Curtis up there.

Brad Overton: Yeah, Tony's not on there anymore.

Gary Meyer: How long's he been on...?

Paul Rudolph: Tony's still on the Area Plan.

Gary Meyer: How long has he been on?

Charlie Christmas: His name's on the list.

Krystal Powless: Who's in his place?

David Hachmeister: At least eight (8) I know of.

Brad Overton: The Purdue girl and I cannot think of her name to save my neck.

Krystal Powless: Purdue girl?

Greg Richmond: The Extension Agent?

Krystal Powless: I can't think of it either.

David Hachmeister: Who are you trying to think of?

Brad Overton: The younger girl that's on...

David Hachmeister: Amanda Mosiman?

Brad Overton: Yeah, Amanda.

Charlie Christmas: Amanda Bailey used to be Bailey...maiden name.

David Hachmeister: Correct.

Allan Holweger: Well, the reason that we...Charlie and I wanted Bill on there is because of his development and with IU coming in and everything we thought we needed some more qualified people on that board for the development side just in case IU comes our way then we can get some of these ordinance changes, um, to help push through the IU, if they would come to our...so we're just trying to get ahead of the horse right now.

Charlie Christmas: Bill's been on the Planning Commission in Newburgh when he lived in the city, he's got some experience, and background...he's got a great business background.

Allan Holweger: Yeah, so that was the only reason we're just looking for an expertise on that board.

Gary Meyer: Any other comments or questions?

Brad Overton: I've been on there with Mike and Mike seems pretty attuned with what's going on as far as following up on stuff and looking at things and I think he does kind of give a...I think he gives it a good perspective as far as from his...as Dave said with the farming side of things it kind of gives you that information too.

Greg Richmond: I can't say I know Bill.

Gary Meyer: He's from Boonville, I know that.

Greg Richmond: Is he?

Allan Holweger: Originally.

Gary Meyer: And he had some property up here.

Allan Holweger: He owns the...

Gary Meyer: He owns that shopping center.

Greg Richmond: You just told me, I didn't know that, I thought that was Furling or somebody.

Paul Rudolph: Bill used to own a whole bunch of Hardees's is my understanding...

Allan Holweger: He still does.

Paul Rudolph: And he's is a member of the Board...or was a member of the Board of Historic Newburgh...

Allan Holweger: He still is.

Paul Rudolph: Bill's a good guy, I definitely can vouch for Bill, and I don't know Mike. With that being said I'd hoped that if we were going to try to replace him we'd have a resume so that's why I'm struggling with. With that being said I know and like Bill.

Allan Holweger: This all came up this morning; he didn't have a chance...

Gary Meyer: I think either one of them would do a good job. I mean, Mike has done a good job and I think Bill would too.

Charlie Christmas: He could bring some new ideas in that haven't been there yet.

Greg Richmond: Maybe if we have some feelings towards ordinances and stuff like that we could send our idea through Brad.

Allan Holweger: Well, they have committee meeting...you have to have someone, almost have to be right on top of it because we're being between meetings and with the IU thing coming. I'm just looking out for the IU is my biggest... There's ordinances, he's got them there, they're two hundred ninety seven (297) pages and you can't develop with what we've got if IU wants to come in with this, we've got to do some changing and changing quick. We just need...I feel that we need somebody on that board that can help read through this and make some corrections...or help try to make some corrections for the IU. Cause if they do decide to come with this we couldn't meet their criteria right now.

Greg Richmond: Ultimately the Commissioners pass these ordinances don't they?

Allan Holweger: Area Plan Board does.

Brad Overton: Well, we give recommendations on plats or...there's one we recommend, I hate to sound like a dummy.

Greg Richmond: I know you recommend something for the Commissioners.

Brad Overton: Yeah, we do the recommendations on...

Greg Granger: I think it's the plats.

Brad Overton: On the plats and then they have the final say on that. Now the Zoning Ordinances and some of the other ones...the other things...Weed Control, the ordinances per say we may recommend certain ones, we'll recommend things and then that will end up with the Commissioner will review some of those as well. I think there's a little bit of...there's some division on it depending upon what the particular ones are. Something we can take care of and then some of them I know requires...is kind of somewhat of a consensus between the two. As far as exact technicalities I couldn't tell you, but it's not all just us controlling everything.

Greg Richmond: That's...I should have checked on that with the Commissioner but I...that's my thinking was that if we needed some changes done that we need to though Brad and the Commissioners make our suggestions and get these ordinances changed. And being an ordinance I thought ordinances had to be passed by an elected body.

Allan Holweger: They used to be.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, I would think that's true.

Brad Overton: That's where's I'm thinking with it because I think it's pretty well the ordinances, we will...the Commissioner will put some stuff together but then we come back and review it and if we want to tweak things then we'll move that back to them for final approval.

Greg Richmond: Yeah, cause I know I've seen ordinances on their...

Brad Overton: Yeah, sometimes it's a little...there's a little bit of give and take on some of those.

Allan Holweger: Well we've got...the biggest thing we've got right now is the time element, because if they're going to start at the end of January and by April so we've only...we've got a very short time, so passing back and talking and everything...we're going to have where they're going to maybe have some special meetings to get some of this stuff even done to correct some of this so that we can be in compliance with them so we can even qualify. So that's why we feel we need somebody on that board that's been in a development business and knows that so they can work with them. Right now it's all about IU as far as I'm concerned.

Gary Meyer: Anybody else have any comments? Okay, we'll bring it up as they were nominated so all those in favor of Mike Moesner? Three (3). All those in favor of Bill Byers? Four (4). It looks like Bill Byers is the new Representative for Area Plan.

## **Solid Waste Management**

Gary Meyer: Okay, Solid Waste.

Greg Richmond: We just violated one (1) of our rules.

Krystal Powless: What's that?

Greg Richmond: We're supposed to have a resume.

Paul Rudolph: I agree. And I agree one hundred percent (100%).

Greg Richmond: So we need to just scrap that totally and forget it from now.

Allan Holweger: Yeah, we do. We're the only ones that do it anyway so I don't...until we get the whole county to do it I think it's a...

Charlie Christmas: A waste of time on the resumes.

Greg Richmond: Majority rules but I was just bringing that point up that if we're going to operate by rules we need to operate by them or throw them out.

Charlie Christmas: Well, let's throw the resume rule out.

Paul Rudolph: The problem is, we're trying to a half...and like if we're trying to do it for new people but we're not doing it for old people, like I knew Bill, I know his resume a little bit, I don't know Mike's so I'm doing it based upon the resume.

Greg Richmond: I have no idea about Bill, I know Mike very well.

Paul Rudolph: And I struggle with my vote pretty significantly on that one. I guess obviously if we're not willing to make it a commitment, I don't think all of us are, then it's pointless to try to enforce something sporadically.

Allan Holweger: Yeah, we're the only Board that does it anyway so...

Paul Rudolph: I'd like to be the best board, but you know with that being said, the fact that everyone doesn't do it doesn't bother me at all, but if we're not willing to do it one hundred percent (100%) we probably should just scrap the idea.

Allan Holweger: Yep, agreed.

Greg Richmond: That's all I had.

Gary Meyer: Okay, let's go on to Solid Waste Management. I think there's been some discussions that maybe Greg would take Allan's spot on that, they were just more or less switch, Allan would go to Economic Development, take Greg's place and Greg would take Allan's on Solid Waste. Does anybody have a problem with that? That doesn't need to be voted on does it?

Greg Richmond: It's your appointment. They're acting in your place.

Gary Meyer: Oh, okay.

Greg Richmond: Both of those are.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Well, then we'll just do that. So Greg will be our Representative on Solid Waste.

#### **WARRICK COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING**

Krystal Powless: Before you move to the next one. I notice on the agenda that I left the Warrick County Council on Aging appointment off the list on the agenda so...and that's of course David, so you also need to address that if you want to go ahead and...

Gary Meyer: His term is not up is he?

Krystal Powless: It's a year...

David Hachmeister: It's yearly.

Gary Meyer: Oh, it's yearly?

Charlie Christmas: Well, I'll nominate Dave takes that position.

Allan Holweger: I second it.

Paul Rudolph: Well, we just nominated you that position.

Brad Overton: No, that was that Judicial...

David Hachmeister: A year ago.

Brad Overton: The Corrections Board thing.

Paul Rudolph: Oh, is that the Corrections Board we just now got into.

David Hachmeister: Charlie...

Charlie Christmas: Dave and I swapped with the Corrections Board.

Paul Rudolph: That's what it was.

Gary Meyer: Is that my appointment or is that a Council appointment?

Krystal Powless: Good question...

Gary Meyer: Thank you. Either way, anybody have a problem with David doing that?

Allan Holweger: I made the motion, Charlie seconded.

Gary Meyer: Okay, it's a done deal. You're on the...you're going to get old enough to be on that Board before long.

Laughter

David Hachmeister: I claim my dues.

Gary Meyer: That's a good one.

Brad Overton: Can he do that? Is that a conflict?

Gary Meyer: I don't know, it may be, it may well be.

David Hachmeister: The only other time I've ever joined anything was to attend the meetings for the Board or do the fundraisers.

Brad Overton: You'll probably get a free bowl of soup.

**Economic Development Advisory Council (5 Appointments)**

Gary Meyer: Economic Development Advisory Council.

David Hachmeister: You'd think I'd want to revert back to Personnel Committee as well, go back to the top.

Gary Meyer: I didn't even see it; it's not even on my paper.

Krystal Powless: I know it.

David Hachmeister: Well, I made my notes to do it at the end to go back up to the top as soon as we skip one, catch them as we go then.

Gary Meyer: Does anybody want to change the Personnel Committee? Right now it's Greg...wait a minute, who is it?

David Hachmeister: Me, Greg and Paul.

Krystal Powless: David, Paul and Greg.

Gary Meyer: David, Paul and Greg. Anybody want off? Or anybody want on?

Charlie Christmas: Definitely don't want on.

David Hachmeister: Entertain the offer for anybody else to get on in my place.

Gary Meyer: Well, I don't entertain that motion.

Allan Holweger: No.

Gary Meyer: So...we're keeping it the same.

Allan Holweger: Keeping it the same, there you go.

David Hachmeister: It wouldn't be amusing you...

Gary Meyer: I know. Okay. Still going to Economic Development Advisory Council, now we put Al on to replace Greg's spot and now I understand Dixie wants to be off of the board, removed from the board, so we have an opening there.

Krystal Powless: Correct.

Allan Holweger: I'll nominate Jerry Lewis to replace him.

Charlie Christmas: I'll second that.

Allan Holweger: We do have a resume on him.

Gary Meyer: Jerry Lewis, okay.

Charlie Christmas: I seconded that motion.

Gary Meyer: Al and Charlie. Any other nominations?

Greg Richmond: I think you have people for the rest of them.

Gary Meyer: I agree, yeah. Okay, is everybody happy...well, I guess we need to vote on it.

Charlie Christmas: Yeah, we need to vote.

Gary Meyer: All those in favor...well you want to close the nominations? I guess I didn't get a motion to do that.

Charlie Christmas: Close the...

Paul Rudolph: Motion to close.

Gary Meyer: Okay. And seconded by Charlie?

Charlie Christmas: I made the second on the motion.

Gary Meyer: Okay. All those in favor of closing? Motion carried seven (7) zero (0). Okay, all those in favor of Jerry Lewis being on the EDAC Council? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). So he'll...

Greg Richmond: I'll make the motion to retain the rest of them.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: We should do that. It would be Howard Nevins, Mike Andreas, Paul Perry and Jeff Borris, right? Okay. Motions been made to retain the rest of those by Greg and seconded by...

Brad Overton: Me or Charlie whichever one...

Charlie Christmas: Whoever.

Gary Meyer: Brad, to retain the rest of the Council...Advisory Council. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

#### **Redevelopment Commission (3 Appointments)**

Gary Meyer: Redevelopment Commission, we have Jeff Borris, Aric Pryor and Howard Nevins on it now.

Allan Holweger: I'll make the motion we retain them.

Brad Overton: Second.

Paul Rudolph: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Al and seconded by Paul is who I heard first I think to retain. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

#### **Economic Development Commission**

Gary Meyer: Economic Development Commission, currently is Randall Pemberton, he's willing to serve another term it says.

Greg Richmond: So moved.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion's been made to keep Randall Pemberton and seconded. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

#### **Newburgh Development Commission**

Gary Meyer: Newburgh Development Commission, currently Todd Titzer has not been confirmed he's willing to serve another term. Is that correct?

Krystal Powless: Correct. I never got him to return my call.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Greg Richmond: Paul, do you know him?

Paul Rudolph: I do. And he hasn't said anything to me. I can confirm with him at the next meeting...um, the next time I see him, but I would recommend him unless there's someone that...yeah, I would recommend him, I'll leave it with that.

Greg Richmond: Motion to table.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made by Greg to table. Is there a second?

Charlie Christmas: I'll second it.

Gary Meyer: Seconded by Charlie. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

#### **Property Tax Assessment Board (2 Appointments)**

Gary Meyer: Property Tax Assessment Board, apparently there are two (2) appointments. Barb Pryor says she is willing to serve another term and Brett Bombeck is also willing to serve another term.

Paul Rudolph: Motion to retain.

Allan Holweger: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Paul and seconded by Al to retain these two (2) people. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Board**

Gary Meyer: Alcoholic Beverage Board. Currently Allan Harding is willing to serve another term. Are these terms four (4) years or what are these terms?

Krystal Powless: One (1) year.

Charlie Christmas: One (1) year.

Gary Meyer: One (1) year, okay.

Brad Overton: Is it really the Alcoholic Beverage Board or is the Alcohol Beverage Board? It just seems funny that you would name the Board 'Alcoholic' Board. That just strikes me...

Gary Meyer: Why are you asking me that?

Brad Overton: Alcoholic Beverage, okay, okay...

Gary Meyer: Why are you asking me that?

David Hachmeister: It's not a noun, it's an adjective.

Brad Overton: Okay, I gotcha.

Paul Rudolph: It's not the Alcoholic Beverage Board; it's the Alcoholic Beverage Board.

Greg Richmond: I move to retain him.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Greg and seconded by Charlie to retain Allan Harding. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

Paul Rudolph: Does anyone know Allan? I feel like I know that name I'm just not placing it right now, why am I blanking out?

Gary Meyer: I don't know him.

David Hachmeister: He's one of the owners of Matrix.

Brad Overton: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: That's what it is.

Allan Holweger: He's a nice guy.

#### **Economic Development** (Council Representative and Council Appointee)

Gary Meyer: Economic Development, Council Representative and Council Appointee, currently its Howard Nevins and Paul Rudolph. I assume...Paul, you're willing to serve?

Paul Rudolph: Yes.

Gary Meyer: And it says here Howard Nevins is too.

Charlie Christmas: I make a motion to retain.

Gary Meyer: Okay, motion made by Charlie and seconded by...who seconded it? Did you second it?

Brad Overton: Me, I guess, sure.

Gary Meyer: Seconded by Brad. All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

Paul Rudolph: I just want everyone to know I did vote for myself.

Gary Meyer: Good for you.

Charlie Christmas: You should always vote for yourself.

#### **Approval of Minutes December 5, 2013 Regular Minutes**

Gary Meyer: Alright, we're down to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

David Hachmeister: Let me ask one (1) thing, since we've tabled it we've done passed, and we can revisit it, back on the Newburgh Development Commission, if we go ahead and appoint Todd, then he declines, do the same vote instead of...?

Gary Meyer: I thought about that too. We could go ahead and appoint him...

David Hachmeister: It would be inactive now when he does that. Even though it's tabled we've...

Greg Granger: You can take it off later.

David Hachmeister: That's what I'm saying; now we could take it off the table cause...?

Greg Granger: Yeah, later in the meeting.

David Hachmeister: We've done passed a...

Greg Richmond: After the next order of business.

Krystal Powless: After the minutes.

David Hachmeister: Okay.

Charlie Christmas: After the minutes and then we'll do that.

Greg Richmond: On page four (4)...almost two thirds of the way down Gary Meyer says 'okay...' you need to have 'Brad Overton made the motion and seconded by Paul Rudolph, seven (7), zero (0)', on the meeting dates. They didn't have the motion maker and the vote.

Gary Meyer: I thought I read the minutes but I didn't catch that at all.

Charlie Christmas: I didn't see it either.

Greg Richmond: That's the only place I saw.

Charlie Christmas: I missed that one. Glad you're there, Greg.

David Hachmeister: Last page where...toward the bottom when I'm speaking...it was wrote in as sole S-O-L-E, that is soil conservation

Allan Holweger: I thought you were trying to get rid of us so we can make some money for the Council.

Paul Rudolph: I have a similar one on page two (2). I said...it says 'Tony O'Neal: Yes, yeah and we will see that change next month' and I asked the question 'but why is it negative' not 'buy why is it negative' on page two (2). I'm guessing we might get an answer tonight.

Gary Meyer: Anything else, anybody else?

Paul Rudolph: Motion to change as corrected.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Paul Rudolph: Or approve as corrected.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made by Paul and seconded by Charlie to approve the minutes as corrected. All those in favor. Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0).

### **EMS Business Update**

Gary Meyer: Okay, EMS business.

Pat Rauscher: Good evening, Happy New Year.

Gary Meyer: Thank you, same to you.

Pat Rauscher: Thank you, Pat Rauscher with the November 2013 Warrick EMS Operational and Financial Report. Operational wise we had three hundred sixteen (316) total ambulance runs, one hundred eight seven (187) to the local hospitals, thirty nine (39) refusals, thirty (30) hospital transfers, thirty two (32) in the other department, twenty eight (28) private runs. All of our Satisfactory Surveys were satisfactory for November and a ninety nine percent (99%) success rate for our response times.

David Hachmeister: What was the response time?

Pat Rauscher: Ninety nine percent (99%). Any questions on those?

Gary Meyer: Have you gotten any feedback from when we started charging?

Pat Rauscher: Yeah, we haven't heard too much from that. We had...I haven't seen the recent numbers, we have several that want out, I do need to check in to see what we collected on that but we haven't seen...I believe we were talking to...the last month that we haven't seen a bunch of repeat so we'll keep a little closer eye. I think it'll take a few months before we really can get a good gauge of what's going on too.

Gary Meyer: Actually, if we can cut those refusals down that's the same as...

Pat Rauscher: It's the same as...that's the idea is to make the appropriate calls is what we're trying to do. So, whether or not you're bringing money in off of that you're either saving or bringing in to compensate for that too so... But we'll keep a little closer eye on it, I think a few months will give us a better idea once we can...because in collection time it's going to take us a while to figure out if we're going to be able to collect on it as well. Financially for the month of November of 2013, we were...collections we're down a little bit; they're twelve thousand one hundred eight one dollars and ninety

seven cents (\$12,181.97) under budget. The reason this is under at this point is that where Thanksgiving fell at the end of the month being...the 1<sup>st</sup> being on a Sunday, there's a period of time where a lot of offices were closed for collects, there's a period of finances that didn't make the books in November which will profit in the December month. For the year however we're still at one hundred five thousand eight hundred seventeen dollars and seventy four cents (\$105,817.74) over budget for our collections. For the expenses for the month we were fourteen thousand seven hundred ninety three dollars and four cents (\$14,793.04) under budget, and for the year puts us at two hundred one thousand four hundred fifty three dollars and seventy eight cents (201,453.78) under budget.

Gary Meyer: Any questions on financial? Guess not. Thank you.

Pat Rauscher: Thanks have a good night.

**Superior Court II Business  
Additional Appropriation**

Adult Probation Superior	2002-000-442.00	Equipment	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Adult Probation</b>			<b>\$1,500.00</b>

Gary Meyer: Okay, Superior Court II Business, Additional Appropriation, Equipment, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

Krystal Powless: This is from their User Fee Fund and it has approximately three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) in the fund.

Paul Rudolph: Three hundred fifty (\$350,000.00)?

Greg Richmond: Motion to approve.

Brad Overton: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motion made by Greg and seconded by Brad to approve. Any further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries seven (7), zero (0).

Greg Richmond: Before we go on do you want to bring your tabled...

Gary Meyer: Oh, I'm sorry, yeah, you want to bring that back up or take it off the table?

David Hachmeister: I would like to take it off the table just to get it nominated to...

Gary Meyer: Is that a motion?

David Hachmeister: That is in a form of a motion.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Charlie Christmas: Second.

Gary Meyer: We have a motion made by David and seconded by Charlie to take off the Newburgh Development Commission off the table. All those in favor of that motion? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). Okay.

David Hachmeister: Now, I'd like to nominate Todd Titzer.

Paul Rudolph: Second.

Gary Meyer: Motions been made by David and seconded by Paul, I think it was you wasn't it?

Paul Rudolph: Yes.

Gary Meyer: To appoint Todd Titzer. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). And if he refuses then we're...

Charlie Christmas: We're right back where we were.

Gary Meyer: That's okay.

Paul Rudolph: Either way works.

Gary Meyer: That's a good idea.

**Auditor Business  
Tax Sale List Copy Fees**

Gary Meyer: Okay, Auditor Business, Tax Sale List Copy Fees. We have a substitute here, a rookie.

Cheyenne Phillips: Hello, Cheyenne Phillips, Warrick County Auditor's Office.

Unknown Speaker: She's not a rookie.

Gary Meyer: I know.

Cheyenne Phillips: What we're asking for is a new I guess it's a Resolution or an Ordinance to have...when we have our fees for our copies fees there's nothing in there about tax sale stuff and we have been getting a lot of these big companies, banks, different things hiring...they are setting up all new portions just for tax sale and what they do is they come in and they want our list of everybody who purchased on tax sale and then they take these lists and they send these people letters and these letters basically tell them that in order to get a tax deed you have to go through this long, lengthy process and that, you know, they'll do this for them for this fee, well this is not true at all, I mean, working the tax sale for

almost seventeen (17) years I know to get a tax deed you petition it to court, the judge signs off and you have it recorded, it's simple as that. But people that's never done this process before doesn't know this, so therefore they think that they have to pay these companies this money or percentage of their money in order to get deeds done or if your property sells at tax sale and you can't redeem it but the person that bought it bought it for more than what the taxes were owed and we have this big surplus, these companies will go to these people, they'll request the list from us of who has surplus and then they go to them and say, 'hey, you're entitled to this surplus if you can't redeem your property in a year but in order to get this money you have to use us as a company to get it, you as an individual can't', which is a lie because they can and so these people are basically being pulled into something that they don't need to be pulled in. So, these people are making lots of money off of other people so we feel like we should be charging them for their list and for all the time it takes us to stop what we're doing to make copies of lists or to email or whatever, however, they like it, so that's what we're asking for.

Gary Meyer: Is this a Commissioners call, or is it our call?

Greg Granger: It's the Council's call. There's an existing ordinance for county copying fees and by statute it's supposed to be uniform throughout every department so Cheyenne had sent Krystal a list of what they were proposing which I think you have, I just haven't had the opportunity to discuss it with Cheyenne or anybody else in the Auditor's Office as far as...is anything on this list would be something that another department may charge? For instance like a copy of a newspaper advertisement for three dollars (\$3.00), would another department...?

Cheyenne Phillips: Not that I know of. Our office usually keeps all the newspapers every week, we get the Standard which is the paper that we do all of our advertisement for the tax sale, I don't know of any other office that would give any other information on the tax sale. Even the Treasurer's Office when someone needs information like that, all their records are kept in our office and they refer them to us.

Greg Granger: And so the existing ordinance says 'five (5) or more duplicate tax statements a dollar (\$1.00) per copy', is that anything new on your list?

Cheyenne Phillips: Five (5) or more tax...what do you...?

Greg Granger: It says 'five (5) or more duplicate tax statements is a dollar (\$1.00) per copy'.

Cheyenne Phillips: Tax duplicates are the actual tax bill and a lot of them want copies of the tax bill so they may be able to get those from the Treasurer's Office but like again, anything that pertains to tax sale or anything that's sold the Treasurer usually always sends them to our office to get any records.

Charlie Christmas: When I was in the Treasurer's Office they'd ask for those tax bills, we charged them for them on the county rates, I think the ordinance was 2001 was when it was written.

Greg Granger: Yeah, you're right.

Charlie Christmas: Yeah, and we would charge them for them and then send the money over to the Auditor's Office to be quietused in.

Cheyenne Phillips: The new Treasurer pretty much...any tax sale questions, everything comes to us cause they're all new and they don't know the procedures yet.

Greg Granger: So Gary, what the Council would need to do is amend the existing ordinance to add these new proposed fees.

Gary Meyer: Okay. Would you draw that up? Need to draw that up for the next meeting?

Greg Granger: Yes.

Gary Meyer: Okay. I guess that's it.

Cheyenne Phillips: Alright, that was easy.

Gary Meyer: So we'll have him draw up the amendment.

Cheyenne Phillips: Alright.

Gary Meyer: And it sounds like the copy fees will be the same county wide, any department?

Greg Granger: Right, correct. Which is for right now it's thirty five cents (\$0.35) for standard size documents and what is your 4137 and 137b is that a standard size?

Cheyenne Phillips: I'd have to look at the sheet to see.

Greg Granger: Okay.

Cheyenne Phillips: A lot of the ones they want are legal sizes or letter size papers but they're not just one (1) page, they're normally...and some of them you can't even get, we have to send them a disk, we put it on a disk now and send them the whole disk to them.

Paul Rudolph: Who is 'them' usually?

Cheyenne Phillips: Well, you have lots of local banks that do this, this United Tax Service they are the biggest. They have sent me at least five (5) of these in between the sale in October and December, I've received five (5) of these for five (5) different lists that they want. They want the surplus list, they want the list of every buyer that bought on tax sale and anybody that has the surplus, they want any list that they can get and they'll send you repeatedly, constant request for them until you send them.

Charlie Christmas: You said you send it to them on disk? You don't have any fees on it for disks.

Cheyenne Phillips: I know and we don't send them when they go on the disk, we send it to SRI, that's our company that does our tax sales and they charge them, we don't do the disk, that's why there's no disk on there.

Gary Meyer: I guess I'm wondering if we make our amendment an ordinance for the Auditor's Office, are there other offices that we need to include in this amendment so we have everybody on the...even though if they don't make copies? You see what I'm saying?

Greg Granger: That was my earlier question is that right now the ordinance in addition to the thirty five cents (\$0.35) per copy...for instance it says 'surveyors areal blueprints' are a certain charge, um, 'voter registration list', okay, so we have to specify...

Gary Meyer: We have to specify each one then? We just couldn't have a blanket ordinance, can we?

Greg Granger: You can but that means it would have to be that same rate for every department; whatever that item would be.

Gary Meyer: And it's not the same item in each department?

Greg Granger: It doesn't appear to be.

Krystal Powless: No.

Cheyenne Phillips: No, because the Recorder charges like a dollar (\$1.00) a page so and in our plat area we only charge thirty five cents (\$0.35) for legal or letter and then seventy cents (\$0.70) for a big ledger size which is totally separate from the tax side and what we have to make copies of.

Gary Meyer: Okay, I understand.

Paul Rudolph: And what's the revenue used for?

Cheyenne Phillips: I'm sorry?

Paul Rudolph: The revenue that you receive?

Krystal Powless: It goes into County General.

Paul Rudolph: County General.

Gary Meyer: So you'll draw that up for us for the next meeting?

Greg Granger: Yes.

David Hachmeister: And I'm puzzled why would people want a list of all the buyers off the tax sales?

Cheyenne Phillips: Because they contact them. Like me and my husband, my husband was bidding on the tax sale this year for a piece of property in particular. We didn't end up getting the property but we still got a letter from this one company stating that you have to go through all these steps to get a tax deed. They basically try to make you think you have to do more than what you have to and they're just out to make money.

David Hachmeister: They're drumming up business.

Allan Holweger: It's a rip off basically is what I call them.

Charlie Christmas: That's like your phone call from after you just inherited a lot of money. Just think about it that way because that's what it is.

Gary Meyer: We'll have this for the next meeting.

Cheyenne Phillips: Alright, thank you.

Gary Meyer: Thank you.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, I wouldn't mind making it a little less profitable for them...

Krystal Powless: Nobody.

Gary Meyer: Nobody?

Paul Rudolph: To take prey on Warrick County citizens.

Gary Meyer: Anybody want to address the Council? Okay, any Council Member have anything to bring up?

### **Other Business**

Greg Richmond: Yeah, I've been getting email messages, some of you might have to, I was trying to find this for the Warrick County Dog Pound, and the last communication I have with this person, um, I've told them about...we just can't raise property taxes to do that and that our EDIT is at the full and the only other thing, which is very unpopular, that we don't want to get into is COIT. So she brought up, and we have talked about this before in the past, the problem is collecting, I have not communicated that to her yet, the dog tax, the dog registration tax helped fund them and she's very passionate about this so, I don't know what further to tell her, I told her I would communicate with the commissioners because they also, I think they would be the ones to propose it and then come to us...

Gary Meyer: Yeah, they have to go to them first, right.

Greg Richmond: And then somebody would have to be put in charge of enforcing it. We can't afford to buy...

Gary Meyer: That's right.

Greg Richmond: To enforce anything, that's the rough, I...

Gary Meyer: Has she been sending this communication to the commissioners also or just to...?

Greg Richmond: I told her too.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Greg Richmond: I...

Gary Meyer: Cause I think that I'm like you, I think that's where it needs to start and if they want to do it then they would come to us to fund it.

Greg Richmond: But the other downfall to that is I believe we checked into that before, it gets sent into the state and we only get forty percent (40%) back.

Krystal Powless: I actually used to calculate that when I worked in the Auditor's Office, I did that report when I was in there and...

David Hachmeister: Am I close on percentage?

Krystal Powless: Yes, it was very minimum amount that the county actually got and it was around one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) a year that we got because how much you...first of all you don't collect very much because people don't get the tax because nobody enforces that they get the tax, so that's kind of the problem.

David Hachmeister: Yeah, when I...it's brought up with us, even though they do get the tags it goes to the State then we only get a portion of it back so it's all...

Krystal Powless: It does and I want to say it was fifty percent (50%) but...

Cheyenne Phillips: It was somewhere around that but it was very minimal, very.

Krystal Powless: I haven't looked at it in years so I don't know; it might read differently now but...

Paul Rudolph: It doesn't sound like it's worth it.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Greg Richmond: Another thing, we all need to be concerned about our Governor's proposal on eliminating business tax. I asked Krystal to run the numbers today and she called the Auditor's Office and got those numbers and they sent them back to me, we're talking about seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) that Warrick... It was in the paper today, of all the other counties around us it was telling how much they would lose, they didn't have Warrick in there so that motivated me to ask Krystal to get something for us. So, we need to be lobbying, I feel like, I mean, yes, I want us to be open to business and all that but as a property owner a lot of this is going to be put on my back until I get to the caps and then we have to deal with the caps and then are we going to be laying off more people? I mean, the State is great about making them look good at reducing taxes and then telling us guys down here to raise taxes on our people that they're taking off. And that frustrates me that they're not thinking beyond themselves, they're being selfish.

Gary Meyer: It's always the case isn't it?

David Hachmeister: It looks good up there though.

Gary Meyer: It looks good to them.

Greg Richmond: Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: What a surplus they got up there...

Greg Richmond: Oh, yes. So we need to be lobbying against this tax dropping right now.

David Hachmeister: Okay, the same taken off the seven million (\$7,000,000.00) though, that is county wide which would be fourteen percent (14%) off of us, the seventy two (72%) off the School Corp.

Greg Richmond: The seventy percent (70%) basically goes to the School Corporation, we lose that, so we wouldn't be losing no seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) but I'll bet a million and a half or two (\$1,500,000.00-\$2,000,000.00).

Krystal Powless: But the county would be losing seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00).

Greg Richmond: Yeah, the county would lose seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) but you figure, it'd be one and a half million to two (\$1,500,000.00-\$2,000,000.00) for us probably. And that's what we basically dropped twelve (12) people for last year.

Allan Holweger: And we're already short for 2015 that we know of because of the PERF.

Paul Rudolph: And I can only image what the School Corp. would feel about losing five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Brad Overton: I get the opinion that if anything comes from Indianapolis is not a good idea.

Greg Richmond: But we need to speak up beyond the IAC. I've learned that as a teacher when we're lobbying for something the State Legislature...if the ISTA lobbies for something it doesn't mean anything but when people call...

Gary Meyer: People vote, ISTA doesn't vote.

Greg Richmond: That makes the difference.

Gary Meyer: People vote.

Greg Richmond: That's right.

David Hachmeister: If it is the same as property tax on the fourteen percent (14%) off the seventy nine or eighty thousand (\$79,000.00-\$80,000.00) that's back exactly again what we've lost this year or slightly more.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Paul Rudolph: But yeah, our State Representatives are becoming very good at giving away our money. I think we should have a County Council vote on reducing the State budget, maybe the Federal budget while we're at it.

Gary Meyer: Yeah, while we're at it.

Paul Rudolph: See how they like it.

David Hachmeister: And it ought to be recorded.

Greg Richmond: And he gives another rub on this issue, they want us to institute COIT, the local Option Income Tax, but when we do that we have to give back a large portion of it to property tax...

David Hachmeister: Relief.

Greg Richmond: Relief. So we don't gain a whole lot. It's a real tough situation.

Allan Holweger: I just want to wish everybody a Happy New Year because I didn't have a chance to see all of you so Happy New Year everybody, were starting a new one.

Gary Meyer: I've got one (1) more thing, are you done, Greg?

Greg Richmond: Yeah, I'm done.

Charlie Christmas: Well, I have one (1) thing too when you get done.

Gary Meyer: Go ahead.

Charlie Christmas: Mine will get controversy.

Gary Meyer: Well, so will mine. So you go ahead.

Charlie Christmas: Alright, tonight we have a little discussion earlier about resumes okay and I personally have a problem with us requiring resumes. Al mentioned it earlier; this is the board or group that asks for a resume in the county. Now, the majority of the people that we deal with as far as appointments go and hiring and all of these other things, most of us know most of them, not all of them and not everybody here know them, but I think that some of them have been in the county for years, they've been business people, they've been leaders and to insist that a man that's 60-70 years old, he retired, he's able help for us, it says he has to give us a resume for this board to consider him I think is ridiculous. I personally would like for us to rescind that rule and regulation that we have here...

Paul Rudolph: We don't have a rule and regulation; it was more of a guideline.

Charlie Christmas: I wasn't under that impression.

Paul Rudolph: Yeah, I was the one that suggested it and I don't think we ever made a vote or anything like that it was just a suggestion.

Charlie Christmas: Well, I'd like for us to remove the guideline.

David Hachmeister: I would rather us start on our appointments as far as in December and if somebody else at that time brought it up at the meeting let me do my own inspection on my own and be ready for, you know, for January meeting.

Charlie Christmas: I don't disagree with that either. That's a good idea, Dave.

Allan Holweger: I like that idea, that's a good idea.

Greg Richmond: Yeah, I could have gotten to know Bill.

Allan Holweger: I think that's a great idea.

David Hachmeister: We could have had the Sheriff checked up on him real quick.

Sheriff Kruse: Yeah, cause we've done that on you, Dave. (Laughter)

Charlie Christmas: That's just food for thought, we don't need...

Gary Meyer: I don't think we need a motion then since we don't...

David Hachmeister: Well, no, but I mean...at the end of the year...

Charlie Christmas: I think you got a good idea, an excellent idea.

Gary Meyer: If we can get it in like December, and I think you gave it do us in December.

Krystal Powless: I do, but what happens a lot of time is you may have someone in mind but maybe you don't relay that to me so I can get it to the rest of the Council and then I...

Gary Meyer: We probably should get on that a little bit earlier than we normally do. It's kind of a last minute deal.

Krystal Powless: I mean I tried, I sent it out in November this year to try to prompt you guys to...

Paul Rudolph: But even an oral resume meaning 'hey, this is what the person's done'...

Krystal Powless: Yeah...

Paul Rudolph: I mean it doesn't have to be anything typed up, I think what we received on Jerry was half a page.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, or you can shoot me an email, this is what he is, he owns these businesses, he's done this...

Charlie Christmas: I mean, he's been here for years, been on boards for the county...

Krystal Powless: Shoot that to me and then I can send it to the rest of the Council.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: It never had to be anything particularly spaced it's just a way of identifying when we've got multiple candidates for position for those of us that don't know both candidates and we ran into that today, right, we had Mike and Bill, it seemed like the people that knew Bill and the people that knew Mike didn't Bill so it'd be nice if we had a way of comparing two (2) candidates whether it be a resume or whether it would be...

Gary Meyer: We probably need some more time to run that down for those who didn't know one person or the other.

Allan Holweger: I like the idea is we should just have in our December meeting, just put it in there that if we got it we need to know so we can...

David Hachmeister: You know, the nominations at the meeting or...like Krystal said, notify her to where this person is interested in it or Al is interested in having this person on the board and...

Charlie Christmas: That's good, let her know, let us know.

Allan Holweger: I think that's a good idea.

Gary Meyer: Okay, so anybody else?

Brad Overton: Get your controversy over with.

Charlie Christmas: Okay, you're up.

Gary Meyer: I got...the more I thought about this buying a car for the EMS when they've got so much the more it bothered me. I think they intentionality bypassed us and because of that...

Paul Rudolph: They being the EMS or they being the Commissioners or they being both?

Gary Meyer: Both.

Paul Rudolph: Okay, they both bypassed us?

Gary Meyer: Yeah, they both bypassed us.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Gary Meyer: And I would be in favor, I don't know how everybody feels but if they paid fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) for that car I would be in favor of reducing their budget fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) myself.

Krystal Powless: So reduce their 2014 budget by fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00)?

Gary Meyer: Yes, Ma'am. That's the way I see it, now I don't know how anybody else feels about it.

David Hachmeister: In a sense that was money that was not turned back...

Gary Meyer: That's right.

David Hachmeister: So that they wouldn't have for 2014.

Krystal Powless: Right.

Charlie Christmas: You got it.

Krystal Powless: If you are...if you choose to do this then I would have to draw up a Budget Reduction and advertise it for the February meeting and then you would vote on it.

Gary Meyer: That's the reason I brought it up tonight.

Krystal Powless: Okay, so...

Gary Meyer: If we got enough votes to do that.

Allan Holweger: Do you need a motion?

Charlie Christmas: Yes, we need a motion.

Gary Meyer: Yeah.

Paul Rudolph: How much does it cost to advertise something like that?

Krystal Powless: Oh my goodness, it depends on of course how long your advertising, how many pages and things you're advertising is, but I have to advertise additional or reductions every month anyway, it all goes on the same form but...

Paul Rudolph: So add in a couple of lines?

Krystal Powless: I want to say like one (1), just for one (1) is twenty two cents (\$0.22) or something, don't quote me because I...

Paul Rudolph: Oh, so we're talking pennies?

Krystal Powless: Yeah, but I...

Greg Granger: But Paul if you go to the Clerk's Office you can get a copy of the paper for...

David Hachmeister: There you go.

Gary Meyer: There you go. (Laughter)

David Hachmeister: As soon as that ordinance passed.

Gary Meyer: There you go.

David Hachmeister: That's the Auditor's Office.

Greg Granger: Oh, Auditor's, sorry.

Paul Rudolph: This new County Council Attorney is more witty.

Gary Meyer: Yeah he is. He looks better doesn't he?

Paul Rudolph: I don't know about that.

Gary Meyer: You don't know about that? Can I get anybody to make a motion or do you feel differently than I do about this or...?

David Hachmeister: I thought you did make a motion.

Gary Meyer: I didn't make a motion.

Brad Overton: He never makes a motion.

Gary Meyer: I never make a motion.

Brad Overton: He just offers suggestions.

Gary Meyer: I just offer suggestions.

David Hachmeister: Then that is my motion then.

Gary Meyer: That is your motion. Okay, motion been made by David...

David Hachmeister: Exactly as you said it.

Gary Meyer: To reduce the EMS budget by fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00).

Paul Rudolph: So what happens if they exceed their budget after we...

Gary Meyer: Wait a minute got to second. Is there...?

Charlie Christmas: I'll second the motion.

Gary Meyer: And seconded by Charlie. No go ahead.

David Hachmeister: Okay, but that figure was the exact figure? I've not seen...

Gary Meyer: That's what I've been told.

David Hachmeister: I've not seen that figure.

Krystal Powless: Well, I can get the exact figure and that's what I'll advertise.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Paul Rudolph: So what happens if they exceed their new reduced budget?

Charlie Christmas: They're in trouble.

Paul Rudolph: That's what I'm trying to figure out, how much trouble are they in? I'm just trying to figure out are there any teeth to this or is this just a...

Gary Meyer: Well, the teeth are in us, they would come to us for an additional and if we approve it, we approve it and if we don't we don't.

Krystal Powless: Say you have to live within your budget.

Gary Meyer: That's right, and we've told everybody that...

Krystal Powless: But, you know, this year they're turning back in two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) so, you know, they should not exceed.

Gary Meyer: They should not exceed their budget. It doesn't mean they won't but they shouldn't.

Krystal Powless: I thought he was going to request to reduce it by two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00)...

Gary Meyer: I thought about that. I didn't think that would fly, I didn't think I'd get that done. We'll nickel and dime them to death right now.

David Hachmeister: That'll keep everybody else from doing it too.

Charlie Christmas: Yeah, I think you'll set precedent if you do that.

Gary Meyer: That's right.

David Hachmeister: Not that anyone else would but...

Gary Meyer: Any further discussion?

Brad Overton: I'm just trying to think...there's no relationship between what they did and...cause all the user fee things come before us so...that's really the only example of...

Gary Meyer: Turning money back to...

Brad Overton: Yeah, well, I meant somebody being able to spend outside of the actual body that's...

Krystal Powless: There isn't, that's their...

Brad Overton: That's what I'm saying, that's the only example of that, somebody can just go completely outside of the body that's supposed to review physical purchases.

Krystal Powless: Exactly.

Gary Meyer: It really bothered me that neither them or the Commissioners even told us it was in the works until after it was done and that really concerned me.

David Hachmeister: Is it still seventy five thousand (\$75,000.00) before they have to get...or anyone has to get bids?

Krystal Powless: I'm not sure what the number is...

Charlie Christmas: That's the last figure I had.

Greg Richmond: It's gone up.

David Hachmeister: Well, I knew it was...

Greg Richmond: Yeah, seventy five (\$75,000.00)...

David Hachmeister: It used to be twenty five (\$25,000.00) forever...

Charlie Christmas: It used to be twenty five (\$25,000.00) forever and then it went to seventy five (\$75,000.00).

David Hachmeister: I mean that's...still, that concerns me too with the seventy five thousand (\$75,000.00) but...

Gary Meyer: Oh, I think they kept it under that.

David Hachmeister: Do what?

Gary Meyer: They kept it under that on purpose I'm sure. Okay, any other discussion on that? Okay, we have a motion made by David and second by Charlie to reduce the EMS Budget by the cost of the vehicle.

Paul Rudolph: To advertise it or to do it?

Gary Meyer: To do it.

Krystal Powless: To advertise.

Gary Meyer: Well, to advertise it, we'll have to vote on it next meeting. To advertise it, yeah, all those in the favor of the motion? Opposed? Motion carried seven (7), zero (0). Anybody else have anything?

Krystal Powless: I have probably something I should bring up, um, remember I told you I would tell you that...how we

ended up on the insurance, health insurance? Well, it turns out we didn't end up so well on the insurance. At the last minute there were several bills turned in to be paid that last week or, you know, the last week I should say, for the last few days. And they wanted us to pay them, I don't have everything together, we're going to do a report on it but they wanted us to pay them because if you pay them all in the year that they're processed or whatever you get a return on your money, like they'll credit your January bill. Well, at first Dixie didn't know if he wanted...cause what happens if we paid them and then the fund went in the red, which is what happened, okay, then he will get written up in the Audit Report, the Auditor's Office will be written up. So he wanted to make sure it would be worthwhile, of course to do that and it turned out that we're going...about a hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) is what they're saying we will be credited and he felt like that was definitely worth letting it run into the red. So I talked with Patty today, they haven't finalized it but she said it's going to be about two hundred ten thousand (\$210,000.00) in the red. Now, I want you to understand that we started the year with a surplus of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) in the insurance fund. We budgeted four point two (\$4,200,000.00) and now we're going to end two hundred and ten (\$210,000.00) in the red.

Paul Rudolph: So four million seven hundred sixty thousand (\$4,760,000.00) of insurance.

Krystal Powless: And we drastically lowered the budget in the health insurance for next year because they made some adjustments plus they implemented the spousal rule but now I'm very concerned that we don't have enough budgeted for this year. We'll know more around half year but the problem is what happens, you know, when they're in this HSA until they meet their deductible of course then the county pays one hundred percent (100%) well what happens people started meeting their deductible and then started having more things done then all these...I mean it tripled in the last two (2) weeks of December the claims tripled over what we were averaging monthly.

David Hachmeister: That's the downfall with self insurance.

Gary Meyer: Can you start giving us maybe a monthly...

Paul Rudolph: Update.

Krystal Powless: Insurance report?

Gary Meyer: Running account thing?

Krystal Powless: Sure.

Brad Overton: I just...with the...

Gary Meyer: I knew that would...

Allan Holweger: You can just put that right in the minutes of the meeting if you want to, if it would be simple for you.

Brad Overton: Did they switch their...did they end up switching the auto, liability and property?

Krystal Powless: They did, um, the way I understand it, I don't...I heard that, yes. It went to a different company.

Brad Overton: Did we budget the same amount that we had the year before?

Krystal Powless: Yes, so there may be some left, you know, next year in that that we could do a transfer to the insurance fund or something like that. Oh, another thing with that said, I was trying to make...I was getting phone calls at home and I was trying to help make it where it didn't end in the red and we thought we were going to have it worked out if we did a transfer from the Councils Other Services into Health Insurance because there was one (1) claim that came in and I thought, you know what, let's do it and then we'll clear it out', and then another claim came in after that. So, that happened also. It's the only fund that ended in the red.

Greg Richmond: The way the health insurance works, I rarely meet my deductible, I don't remember when I have, but they send me a statement with...the Dr. charges four hundred dollars (\$400.00) and then it says something about that I don't have to pay one hundred eighty three dollars (\$183.00) of it, does that mean the insurance paid that one hundred three dollars (\$183.00) or...?

Krystal Powless: I thought that was the negotiated...

Charlie Christmas: That was negotiated between the insurance and...

Greg Richmond: So that's not costing...

Krystal Powless: Right.

Greg Richmond: I wondered about that.

Gary Meyer: I think that's what that means.

Paul Rudolph: So Krystal, do you know what the rainy day fund was as of year-end?

Krystal Powless: It's on my desk but I did...I skimmed through that today and I want to say it was one point five (\$1,500,000.00) or one point six (\$1,600,000.00), right in there. I know that's really close.

Paul Rudolph: Okay.

Krystal Powless: And, I mean we could have done...we could have taken care of it if we'd known, you know we did an additional appropriation we actually averaged...we did it a little higher average and we really thought we had enough to cover it and then they send all these claims all at one time, wanting them all paid at the end and it didn't happen so...

Allan Holweger: But my hats off to Dixie for doing that though.

Krystal Powless: Yeah, so it will be written in the...

Allan Holweger: He worked hard to get that done cause I was here yesterday when he came in and...

Krystal Powless: Yeah, I was on the phone with him a lot last week.

Allan Holweger: To get it done so we can save that kind of money, if not we wouldn't have saved that one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) so...

Krystal Powless: Right.

Gary Meyer: Is that a normal thing? I mean, do we normally get that many claims at the end of the year?

Krystal Powless: We do get...they want us to pay everything and we do get more at the end of the year but we got four (4) claims instead of...normally we get two (2) or three (3), we got four (4). And I don't know if it's just because people waited to have stuff done, I really think that's kind of what's going on.

Sheriff Kruse: Well, then they rush to get it done before...

Unknown Speaker: It rolls over.

David Hachmeister: My concern too was the layoffs...

Gary Meyer: A new deductible.

David Hachmeister: And there may have not been anyone but my concern as far as the layoffs, when they're notified they're going to be laid off then, 'hey, I'm going to have this done'.

Krystal Powless: Yeah.

Charlie Christmas: That's true.

David Hachmeister: No offense against anyone but that's possible.

Krystal Powless: Right and that could have very well happened too, you're right.

Gary Meyer: That could have been part of it, sure.

Paul Rudolph: Well, there's no way to do that, I mean, we'd have to offer COBRA, so I mean, they could still get it regardless.

Krystal Powless: But I thought you guys should be aware that that's what happened.

Gary Meyer: If you can just give us a short monthly report if you can.

Krystal Powless: It'll be really quiet up until mid-year it'll start but yeah, I can do that.

Gary Meyer: Okay.

Greg Richmond: With all of these stupid new rules with Obama Care and stuff that's going down, a doctors got to carry a computer with them everywhere they go, you need to make sure that they put the right code in because something that's supposed to be paid like a physical exam can turn into a nightmare. We had to fight like a dickens for ours because he coded it wrong.

Gary Meyer: That's true, a lot to be said for that.

Allan Holweger: Yep.

Paul Rudolph: So one (1) last thing, end on a more positive note, I did confirm with Todd that he will serve so nothing to do there.

Gary Meyer: You called Todd?

Paul Rudolph: I talked to Todd, I texted him.

Gary Meyer: Okay, great.

Krystal Powless: Good.

Charlie Christmas: I was here yesterday when he was elected...appointed.

Gary Meyer: Well, good. Todd Titzer you're talking about.

Paul Rudolph: Todd Titzer.

Charlie Christmas: You're talking about Todd Titzer; I was talking about Todd Glass.

Paul Rudolph: No, Titzer.

## **Adjournment**

Gary Meyer: Anything else?

Brad Overton: Motion to adjourn.

Gary Meyer: Meeting adjourned.

David Hachmeister: Second.

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